

**Rachel's Vineyard
Retreat Registration**
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*Please register me for
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
Nazareth House
Henry, Illinois*

March 20-22, 2015 Oct. 23-25, 2015
(Please check one)

Name _____

Street _____

City State Zip

Telephone (include area code) _____

Email address _____

Retreat Cost: \$140.00

Deposit: \$ 40.00

Make check payable to:

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Mail registration form and payment to:

Rachel's Vineyard
419 NE Madison Avenue
Peoria, IL 61603

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Diocese of Madison, WI
(608) 821-3177

"It was the best weekend of my life. I was able to share my grief, my guilt, my anger. I was able to mourn the loss of my baby. But most important, I was able to believe that she now lives with Jesus. For a short time I could almost touch her and hold her and see her. For this, I will always be grateful."



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"Therefore I will allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her heart. There I will give her back her vineyards and transform her Valley of Troubles into a Door of Hope."

Hosea 2: 16-17

*A Psychological
and
Spiritual Journey
for Healing
after Abortion*

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressures of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and nonjudgmental process.

Spiritual exercises focus on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy. Psychological exercises help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist.

Many preconceived fears of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by peace and reconciliation.

General Information

Registration: Registrations must be received a week prior to the scheduled retreat. Participants will receive a call before the weekend to address or answer any questions about the retreat. A letter of confirmation with driving directions and a map to Nazareth House will be forwarded.

Schedule: The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday late afternoon.

Cost: The \$140 registration fee includes lodging for two nights, three meals on Saturday, two meals on Sunday, and materials. Financial assistance is available.

Accommodations: Nazareth House is located 40 miles north of Peoria, on the east bluff with a panoramic view of the Illinois River, and is surrounded by 50 acres of woods. The retreat center offers single and double occupancy rooms, private bath and shower, air conditioning, fireplace, gift shop, and Eucharistic chapel. Linens and towels will be provided.

Questions: To speak to someone who has attended a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, contact Colleen Harmon or Cathy Trowbridge at (309) 264-1489.

Confidentiality: Rachel's Vineyard strictly respects confidentiality and privacy. If you or someone you know is hurting, please call today.

Information: Rachel's Vineyard retreats are held in central Illinois and other Midwest sites. For information, call the toll-free national hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

"For 18 years, I have been haunted with heavy guilt that no one could take away, tormented by thoughts of what my child would have been like. Through participating in Rachel's Vineyard, I was finally able to forgive myself. I know that God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart, and has washed away my guilt."

I experienced a great inner healing. I would highly recommend this retreat to anyone who has felt the void and shame of the abortion experience. It is a wonderful way to forgive yourself, find the completely unconditional love of Christ, and grieve your loss."

No words can explain the healing that I experienced on this weekend retreat. It was conducted with love and gentleness in an area of my life that was war-torn, raw, and bleeding. God's mercy and love was behind this retreat. It was so important for me to dig deep and release the pain of the past. I believe this made room and God, then, filled that room with genuine love for his lost children, family, friends, and especially ourselves.



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